Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Officer Involved Shooting

Report Date:	Bureau/Station/Facility:	Admin. Invest.?	Hit?
08/18/16	Transit Policing Division / TSB North	☐	☑

Incident Information

URN: 016-04189-6885-056	Date: 08/17/16	Time: 1449 hours

City or Station: Panorama City

Location: 13606 Roscoe Boulevard

Nature of Incident: TPD deputies responded to call regarding a suspect who stabbed two patrons on bus. Deputies located the suspect who was armed with a knife. The suspect lunged at Deputy Davidian and was shot.

Location Type (*check one or more*):
- ☐ Backyard
- ☐ Beach
- ☐ Business
- ☐ Freeway
- ☐ Industrial
- ☐ Park
- ☐ Parking Lot
- ☐ Residence
- ☐ Rural
- ☐ School
- ☑ Street
- Other: ______

Lighting (*check only one*):
- ☐ Darkness
- ☑ Daylight
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Street Lights

Weather (*circle only one*):
- ☑ Clear
- ☐ Cloudy
- ☐ Fog
- ☐ Rain

Distance: 3 feet

Incident Type (*check one or more*):
- ☐ Accidental
- ☑ Armed Person
- ☐ Fleeing Suspect
- ☐ Foot Pursuit
- ☐ Gun Take Away
- ☐ Moving Vehicle
- ☐ Sniper/Ambush
- ☐ Startle
- ☐ Struggle Involved
- ☐ Traffic Stop
- ☐ Unarmed Person
- ☐ Unintentional
- ☐ Vehicle Pursuit
- ☐ Warrant Service
- ☐ Warning Shot
- Other: ______

Initiated by (*check only one*):
- ☐ Arrest Warrant
- ☑ Call
- ☐ Observation
- ☐ One Person Unit
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Search Warrant
- ☐ Two Person Unit

Prior Activity (*check only one*):
- ☐ Detective
- ☐ Inmate Transport
- ☐ Other
- ☑ Routine Patrol

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy: 3

Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect: 0

Aero Unit? ☐ Canine Unit? ☐

Employee Witnesses

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (*check only one*)	ShiftType (*check only one*)
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	☐ EM ☑ PM ☐ Day	☐ Regular ☑ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
[redacted]	Soderlund	Christopher	A.	☐ EM ☑ PM ☐ Day	☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	LAPD [redacted] #[redacted]	Topanga Division	91304	8187564800	
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Supervisors

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(*check one or more*)
[redacted]	Munoz	Jose	J	☑ On Duty ☐ Present during shooting ☐ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting
				☐ On Duty ☐ Present during shooting ☐ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting

Watch Sergeant

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Robocinski	Jaroslaw	

Watch Commander

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Maradiaga	Richard	

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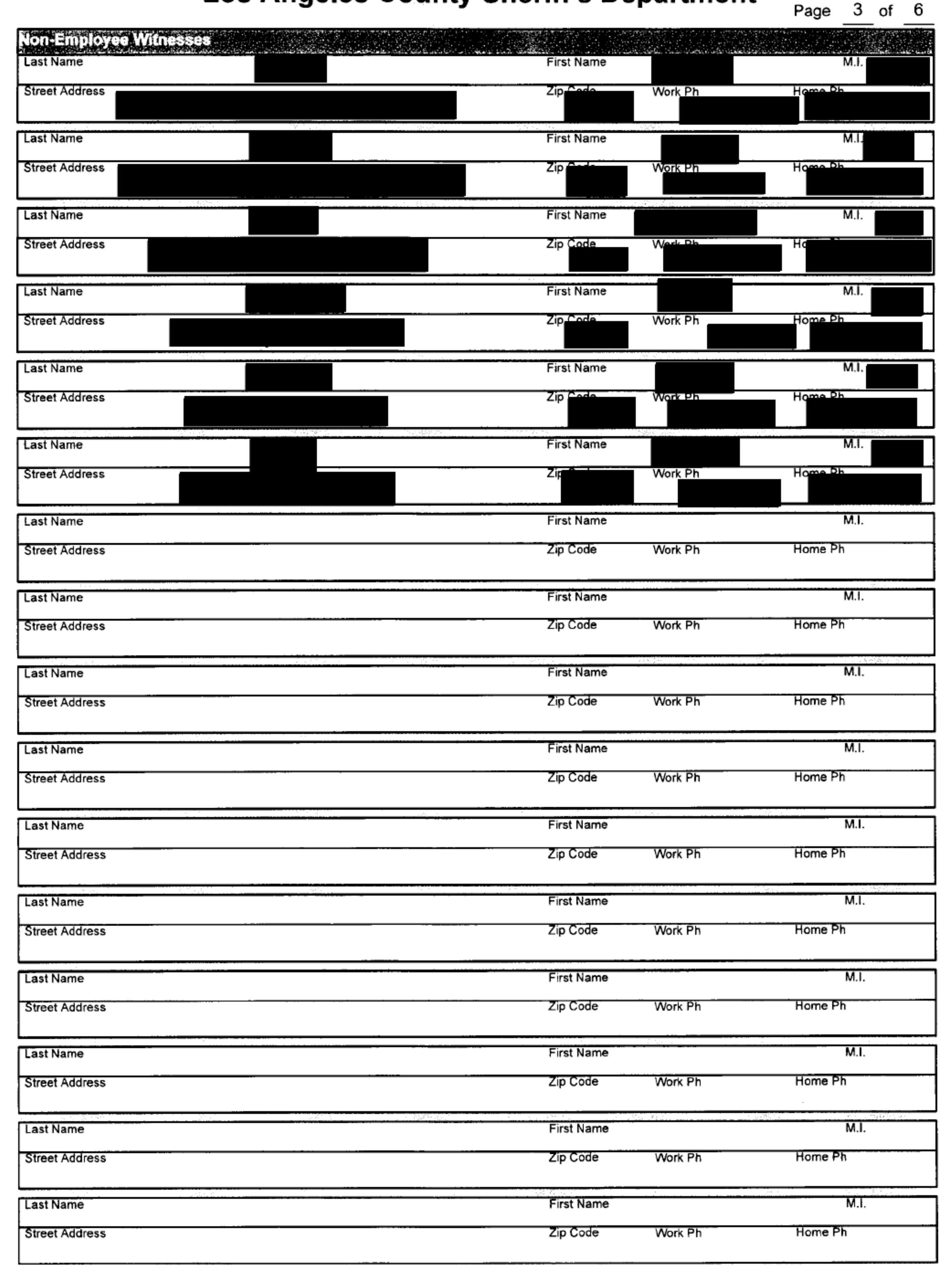
SH # ______

SUPPLEMENTAL EMPLOYEE WITNESSES
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Swailes	Garrett	M.	410 Center Street, Los Angeles	90012	2136877349	

SUPPLEMENTAL NON-EMPLOYEE WITNESSES
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department



Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

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Rollout Information

Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Date Submitted	Date of Recommendation
08/17/16	1710	08/18/16	

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Grall	David	M
[redacted]	Hamil	Jeffrey	F
[redacted]	Arellano	Thomas	M

Shooting / Force Information

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton:(Control)
(BI) Baton:(Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds:(Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds:(Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds:(Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hand
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

Brand

(AK) AK-47
(BN) Benelli
(BR) Beretta
(BW) Browning
(CH) Charter Arms
(CO) Colt
(DA) Davis Industries
(GL) Glock
(HA) Harrington & Richardson
(HI) Hi Standard
(HK) H & K
(IT) Ithica
(IV) Iver Johnson
(JE) Jennings
(LO) Lorcin
(LU) Luger
(MA) Marlin
(MO) Mossberg
(NC) NCI aka SKS
(NA) North American
(NO) Norinco
(RA) Raven
(RM) Remington
(RG) RG
(RI) RGI
(RO) Rossi
(SW) Smith & Wesson
(SR) Sturm Ruger
(SS) SIG Sauer
(ST) Sterling
(TA) Taurus
(WE) Weatherby
(WN) Winchester
(US) US Government
(YY) Handmade (Inmate)
(XX) Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(ZZ) Other Brand

Caliber

(9) 9 mm
(10) 10 mm
(12) 12 guage
(20) 20 guage
(21) .22-250
(22) .22 caliber
(23) .223 caliber
(24) .243 caliber
(25) .25 caliber
(30) .308 caliber
(35) .357 caliber
(36) 30-60 caliber
(38) .38 caliber
(40) .40 caliber
(41) .410 guage
(44) .44 caliber
(45) .45 caliber
(50) 50 mm
(SL) Slug
(WW) Other caliber

FORCE APPLIED *(one code per block)*

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
S1	E1	OE					NN	NN
E1	S1	FH	SW	9	Y	Y	GS	AD

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Officer Involved Shooting
Involved Employee Information

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Involved Employee

E 1

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name Davidian	First Name Arin	M.I.
Sex: M Race: W	Rank: Deputy	Unit Assignment: TPD / TSB North	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 645F
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): [ ] EM [x] PM [ ] Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): [x] Regular [ ] Overtime [ ] Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? [ ]	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? [ ]	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? [ ]	Coroner Case # — Interviewed? [ ]
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 8 / [redacted]hours	Age: [redacted] Height: 508 Weight: 200	Clothing (*circle only one*): [ ] Plain Clothes no Vest [ ] Plain Clothes w/ Vest [ ] Raid Jacket no Vest [ ] Raid Jacket w/ Vest [ ] Uniform no Vest [x] Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qua[redacted]		Laser Training Date: [redacted]
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings[redacted] Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted] [redacted]irected Force: [redacted]
Weapons Fired Brand: Smith&Wesson	Caliber 9mm	# Shots 3	Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]st Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]	
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]ast Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]	

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Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Rank:	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): [ ] EM [ ] PM [ ] Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): [ ] Regular [ ] Overtime [ ] Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? [ ]	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? [ ]	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? [ ]	Coroner Case # — Interviewed? [ ]
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: / Duty Time (hrs):	Age: Height: Weight:	Clothing (*circle only one*): [ ] Plain Clothes no Vest [ ] Plain Clothes w/ Vest [ ] Raid Jacket no Vest [ ] Raid Jacket w/ Vest [ ] Uniform no Vest [ ] Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Range Qualification Date:	PPC Qualification Date:		Laser Training Date:
Certified with Weapon Used? [ ]	Patrol Certification? [ ]	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? [ ] Number of Prior Shootings: Directed Force: [ ]
Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber	# Shots	Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots
Field Training Officer Emp # Last Name	First Name	M.I.	
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Hospital Admission? [ ]	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? [ ]	Coroner Case # — Interviewed? [ ]
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: / Duty Time (hrs):	Age: Height: Weight:	Clothing (*circle only one*): [ ] Plain Clothes no Vest [ ] Plain Clothes w/ Vest [ ] Raid Jacket no Vest [ ] Raid Jacket w/ Vest [ ] Uniform no Vest [ ] Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Range Qualification Date:	PPC Qualification Date:		Laser Training Date:
Certified with Weapon Used? [ ]	Patrol Certification? [ ]	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? [ ] Number of Prior Shootings: Directed Force: [ ]
Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber	# Shots	Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots
Field Training Officer Emp # Last Name	First Name	M.I.	
Field Training Officer Emp # Last Name	First Name	M.I.	

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Suspect Information

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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: White		First Name: Gerry	M.I. A.
AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: M Race: B	S[redacted]	City [redacted]	[redacted] Zip [redacted]
Work Phone: none	Home P[redacted]	Social Secu[redacted]	Driver's Licens[redacted]
Age: 55 D.O.B. 04/09/61	Height: 603 Weight: 200	FBI # [redacted]	CII # [redacted]
Booking # 4765219	Primary Charge: 664/187(a) PC	Secondary Charge: 245(a)(1) PC	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☑	Apprehended? ☑	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? [redacted]
Vehicle Make Model:	Year:	Parole: [redacted] Probation:	Prior Felony Conviction: [redacted]

S

Last Name		First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make Model:	Year:	Parole: Probation:	Prior Felony Conviction:

S

Last Name		First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
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Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
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Vehicle Make Model:	Year:	Parole: Probation:	Prior Felony Conviction:

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Last Name		First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
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Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make Model:	Year:	Parole: Probation:	Prior Felony Conviction:

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT:	**On-Duty Hit Shooting**
IAB FILE NUMBER:	**SH 2410098 / FO 2490893**
URN #:	**016-04189-6885-056**
DATE/TIME:	**August 17, 2016, 1449 hours**
LOCATION:	**13606 Roscoe Boulevard, Panorama City**

On August 17, 2016, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Force and Shooting Rollout Team, comprised of Lieutenant David Grall, and Sergeants Jeffrey Hamil and Thomas Arellano, responded to 13606 Roscoe Boulevard in Panorama City, regarding an on-duty, deputy involved hit shooting. The incident involved Transit Policing Division (TPD) Deputy Arin Davidian, who fired his duty weapon, and Deputy [redacted] who fired a stun bag shotgun, which resulted in the injury of Suspect Gerry White.

Suspect Gerry White sustained multiple gunshot wounds to the torso and was transported by ambulance to Providence Holy Cross Medical Center where he was treated for his injuries. No deputies were injured.

Lieutenant David Grall took reasonable steps to ensure the involved personnel were in the company of a supervisor and did not discuss the incident among themselves or with uninvolved persons prior to being interviewed by the assigned investigators.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau Investigators Timothy Cain, #[redacted] and Dean Camarillo, #[redacted] arrived at the scene of the incident and assumed control of the investigation. For additional information regarding their investigation, refer to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Homicide Bureau Investigative Case Book, under Uniform Report Number (URN) 016-04189-6885-056 **[EXHIBIT A]**.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney Office's Justice System Integrity Division (JSID) personnel reviewed the shooting of Gerry White by Deputy Arin Davidian. In their letter of opinion, dated November 1, 2018, Head Deputy District Attorney Shannon Presby concluded Deputy Arin Davidian acted lawfully in self-defense when he used deadly force against Suspect Gerry White. **[EXHIBIT B]**.

SYNOPSIS

On August 17, 2016, at 1403 hours, TPD deputies responded with emergency lights and sirens (Code-3) to Sepulveda Boulevard and Chase Street in Panorama City, regarding a male suspect (Suspect White) armed with a knife, threatening bus patrons on Metro Bus #[redacted]

At approximately 1407 hours, the call was upgraded to an assault with a deadly weapon in progress. Suspect White stabbed a male passenger in the neck and a female passenger in the arm without any provocation. Suspect White was standing near the rear exit door of the bus, holding numerous other bus patrons at bay, as he threatened them with a knife and prevented them from exiting the bus. Prior to the arrival of deputy personnel, Suspect White fled the location on foot, southbound towards Roscoe Boulevard, TSB Incident #16230-0919 **[EXHIBIT A, pages 138-141]**.

> **IAB Note:** **The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Mission Division, also received a call regarding a stabbing victims at the location. LAPD units were dispatched to the call and arrived first on scene.**

Unit [redacted], Deputy [redacted] Unit 670F2, Deputy Garret Swailes, Unit 688S, Sergeant Jose Munoz, Unit 688A, Deputy Christopher Soderlund, and Unit 645F, Deputies [redacted] and Davidian, responded to the call. During their response, they received several voiced radio traffic updates describing Suspect White as a tall, thin, male Black adult, with a light skin complexion, wearing a white t-shirt, blue jeans, and a green bandana. Deputy personnel contacted witnesses at the assault scene and confirmed there were indeed two victims, who were stabbed by Suspect White with a pocket-knife. The victims were transported to the hospital for medical treatment.

At 1421 hours, Deputy Swailes voiced a radio crime broadcast concerning the violent assault, which contained Suspect White's description and his last seen direction of travel. Metro bus operators in the area were also advised of the stabbing incident and were provided Suspect White's description.

Suspect White later boarded Metro Bus #[redacted] at the Roscoe and Van Nuys Boulevard bus stop. The bus operator, Witness [redacted] received a call from the Metro Dispatch Control Center and she was asked if a male matching Suspect White's description was a passenger on the bus. Witness [redacted] confirmed Suspect White was on board and Metro Dispatch ordered her to stop the bus pending the arrival of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. Witness [redacted] stopped the bus at the bus stop located at Roscoe Boulevard and Ventura Canyon Avenue in Panorama City.

At approximately 1443 hours, Department personnel received a radio update, via L-Tac, regarding Suspect White's location, and they responded Code-3 from the original assault scene to Roscoe Boulevard and Ventura Canyon Avenue. Sergeant Munoz remained at the original location to preserve the crime scene, pending the medical status of the stabbing victims. Sergeant Munoz was the only remaining Department member on scene. LAPD personnel were no longer at the location.

Deputy Soderlund was the first unit to arrive at Roscoe Boulevard and Ventura Canyon Avenue and he parked his patrol vehicle, approximately one car length, behind the stopped Metro Bus #[redacted] He took a position on the sidewalk, behind a utility pool, adjacent to the front passenger fender of his vehicle, which allowed him to maintain a visual of both the front and rear passenger doors of the bus. Deputy Soderlund maintained his position as he waited for assisting units to arrive.

Shortly thereafter, Deputies [redacted], Davidian, Swailes, and [redacted] arrived on scene. The deputies met on the sidewalk near their patrol vehicles and quickly formulated a plan to clear the bus of passengers. The plan included the deployment of lethal and less lethal weapons. Deputies Swailes and Soderlund deployed Tasers, Deputy [redacted] deployed a stun bag shotgun, and Deputies [redacted] and Davidian were designated as lethal force. The deputies felt the need to take immediate action and apprehend Suspect White, in order to preserve the safety and lives of the bus passengers. They feared Suspect White would continue to stab additional bus passengers.

Deputies Soderlund and Swailes approached the front end of the bus, as Deputies Davidian, [redacted] and [redacted] covered the rear. Deputies Davidian and [redacted] maintained positions near the rear exit door, as Deputy [redacted] held a position between the rear tire and rear bumper. Deputy Soderlund entered the bus, followed by Deputy Swailes, and Deputy Soderlund instructed the bus operator to open the rear door.

When the rear door opened, Deputy Davidian immediately saw Suspect White carrying a black duffle bag walking towards the exit, and he stopped when he saw Deputy Davidian standing outside of the door. Deputy Davidian directed Suspect White to step outside of the bus, but he refused to cooperate. At this time, Deputy [redacted] re-positioned himself approximately ten feet away from the curb line, left of the rear door, which allowed him to gain a better view into the doorway.

Fearing for the safety of the passengers, Deputy Davidian planted his left foot on the bus platform and grabbed Suspect White's left arm with his left hand, attempting to pull the suspect out of the bus. Suspect White pulled away, broke free from Deputy Davidian's grasp, and simultaneously reached his right hand into his right front pants pocket, and armed himself with a pocketknife. Deputy

Davidian yelled, "Hey, stop! Let me see your hands!" Suspect White raised the knife to shoulder level and charged towards Deputy Davidian. Deputy Davidian immediately jumped back onto the sidewalk, away from the rear door, sidestepped approximately four feet to his right and yelled, "Stop! Let me see your hands!"

Suspect White continued to charge forward, exiting the bus, and came within an arm's reach of Deputy Davidian. Fearing for his life, Deputy Davidian fired three rounds from his duty pistol, using a one-handed grip from his hip area, aiming at Suspect White's upper torso. Simultaneously, Deputy [redacted] fired a single stun bag round, ending the suspect's assault. Suspect White sustained multiple gunshots to his torso and was struck in the stomach by the stun bag round. Suspect White fell to the ground and released the knife, which landed directly underneath his upper back. Deputy Davidian backed away several feet, toward the cover of a nearby bus bench shelter, and yelled to his partners, warning them Suspect White was armed with a knife. Deputy Davidian broadcasted emergency radio traffic over the duplex patch radio frequency, advising of the deputy involved shooting, and he requested paramedics to respond.

While Suspect White was lying on his back, on scene deputy personnel detained him at gunpoint, and gave him commands to roll onto his stomach. Suspect White ignored the commands and reached for his pants pocket and his duffle bag located by his feet. Deputy Davidian approached Suspect White with his gun drawn and kicked the bag away from him. Deputies continued to give Suspect White commands to roll onto his stomach, so deputy personnel could safely remove the knife away from his immediate reach. Suspect White eventually rolled onto his side. Deputy [redacted] approached the suspect with her gun drawn and kicked the knife away from him. Deputy [redacted] retrieved a blue latex glove from her pants pocket and used it to pick up the knife, which she placed on top of a three-foot wall, located directly south of the sidewalk where deputy personnel stood.

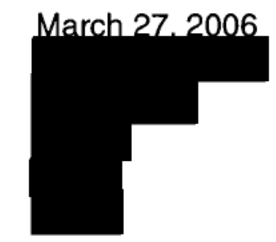
Based on the position of the suspect and the deputies on scene, they recognized the bus was directly in the line of fire, thus placing the safety of the passengers on board at risk. The deputies ordered the bus driver to drive away from the immediate area. The bus left the scene and traveled east on Roscoe Boulevard, and it stopped approximately one-half mile away from the shooting location.

Deputy personnel continued to give Suspect White additional commands to roll onto his stomach, but he did not comply. The deputies became concerned the suspect was losing consciousness. Deputies approached Suspect White, conducted a pat-down search for weapons, and rendered first aid until paramedics arrived on scene. During this time, Deputy [redacted] instructed Deputy Soderlund to retrieve the knife from the wall. Deputy Soderlund took possession of the knife and secured it in the front passenger seat of his locked patrol vehicle **[EXHIBIT A, page 8]**.

Los Angeles City Fire Department firefighters and paramedics arrived on scene and transported Suspect White, via ambulance, to Providence Holy Cross Medical Center in Mission Hills, where he underwent surgery and was stabilized.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

DAVIDIAN, Arin, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
Transit Policing Division



Date of Employment: March 27, 2006
Date Assigned to Patrol: [redacted]
Date Completed Patrol Training:
Prior Shooting Incidents:
Prior Founded Force Incidents:
Prior Law Enforcement Experience:

Equipment Worn On Person

Deputy Davidian wore a short-sleeved Class B uniform shirt with sheriff patches on both shoulders, a cloth sheriff's badge, cloth nametag, green pants, and black boots. Deputy Davidian also wore a nylon gun belt equipped with his Department issued duty weapon. Additional equipment included two sets of handcuffs, OC Spray, two extra magazines, a Taser holster and a portable radio.

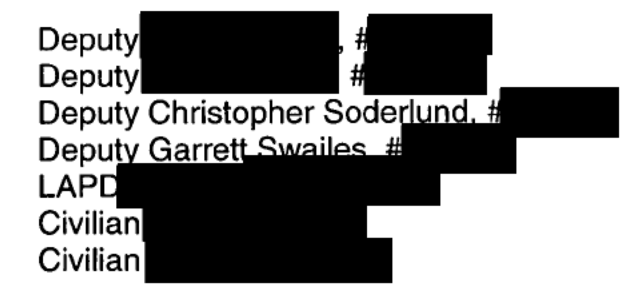
SUSPECT INFORMATION

WHITE, Gerry Allen, Booking #4765129
Male, Black, DOB: April 9, 1961, 6'03", 200 lbs.
Transient; Last Known Address: [redacted]
CII: #[redacted], MAIN: [redacted], FBI: #[redacted]

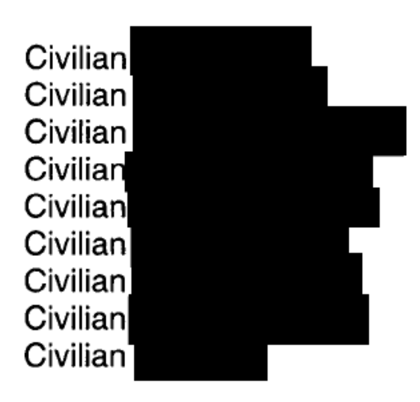
A copy of Suspect White's personal information and criminal history is included in the Homicide Bureau Investigative Case Book **[EXHIBIT A, pages 168-169; 181-202].**

WITNESSES

The following persons were identified as possible witnesses:



Deputy [redacted], #[redacted]
Deputy [redacted] #[redacted]
Deputy Christopher Soderlund, #[redacted]
Deputy Garrett Swailes, #[redacted]
LAPD [redacted]
Civilian [redacted]
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INJURIES:

Suspect Gerry White

Suspect White sustained gunshot wounds to his chest, abdomen, left humerus (upper arm), and neck. He was medically treated at Providence Holy Cross Medical Center and subsequently cleared for booking.

Department Personnel

No Department personnel were injured during this incident.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:

Homicide Bureau investigators separated the crime scenes to three separate locations to better document and collect the various items of evidence. The three crime scenes, in order of occurrence, were identified as follows:

- **Scene Location #1** - MTA bus #[redacted](Line #[redacted]), which came to a stop at or near Sepulveda Boulevard and Chase Street, Van Nuys, after Suspect White stabbed the bus patrons during the unprovoked attack.
- **Scene Location #2 - MTA** bus stop located at 13606 Roscoe Boulevard, Panorama City where the deputy involved shooting occurred.
- **Scene Location #3 - MTA** bus #[redacted] which came to a stop at 13454 Roscoe Boulevard, Panorama City, following the deputy involved shooting.

Forensic identification specialists from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Scientific Services Bureau responded to the crime scenes and, at the direction of Homicide Bureau investigators, documented and collected all physical evidence **[EXHIBIT A, pages 36-38; 122-128]**.

INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS:

The scenes were described in detail by Homicide Bureau Investigators, Sergeant Robert Martindale, #[redacted] and Sergeant Shannon Laren, #[redacted] **[EXHIBIT A, pages 42-48]**. Their scene description was consistent with IAB investigator's observations. Scientific Services Bureau personnel photographed the scene and downloaded the digital images, which are included in the Homicide Bureau Investigative Case Book **[EXHIBIT A].**

WEAPONS USED BY DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL:

Deputy Davidian fired three rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from his Department issued Smith & Wesson, model M&P, 9mm semiautomatic pistol.

Date last qualified: [redacted]
Date last trained with weapon:

Deputy [redacted] fired one round of Department issued 12 gauge stun bag ammunition from a Department issued Remington, model 870 Police Magnum, 12 gauge shotgun.

Date last trained with weapon: [redacted]

Senior Criminalist Phil Teramoto, #[redacted] of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Scientific Services Bureau Firearms Identification Section, examined the Smith & Wesson firearm and Remington shotgun. Both firearms were examined, test fired, and determined to be functional **[EXHIBIT A, pages 119-121]**.

WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT:

Suspect White was in possession of a bloodstained, stainless steel folding knife with a pocket clip and four inch blade.

PROPERTY DAMAGE:

There was no property damage reported for this incident.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION:

The criminal investigation involving the deputy involved shooting incident was handled by Homicide Bureau Investigators Tim Cain and Dean Camarillo. The case was filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court. Suspect White was charged with two counts of Attempted Murder, 664/187(a) P.C.; two counts of Assault with a Deadly Weapon (knife), 245(a)(1) PC; seven counts of False

Imprisonment by Violence, 236 P.C.; and Assault on a Peace Officer with a Deadly Weapon (knife), 245(c) P.C.

On October 4, 2018, Suspect White plead no contest to one count of Attempted Murder, 664/187(a) P.C.; and one count of Assault with a Deadly Weapon (knife). He was later transferred to the care and custody of Atascadero State Hospital, a maximum-security psychiatric facility, for placement which may not exceed his thirty year maximum state prison sentence. Suspect White's criminal history is outlined in his Consolidated Criminal History System (CCHRS) report **[MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS]**.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS:

The incident occurred outdoors during daylight hours on a clear and sunny day.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE'S STATEMENTS:

The following narrative is intended only as a synopsis of the interview. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interviews and verbatim transcriptions. IAB investigators reviewed all reports authored by the involved deputies.

DEPUTY ARIN DAVIDIAN

On August 17, 2016 at 2240 hours, Homicide Bureau Investigators Sergeant Timothy Cain and Detective Camarillo (hereon referred to as Homicide Bureau investigators) conducted a round count and a seizure of Deputy Davidian's firearm for testing. The interview was rescheduled for August 19, 2016 to allow Deputy Davidian the opportunity to rest and consider whether he would provide a statement prior to viewing any video footage.

On August 19, 2016 at 1350 hours, Homicide Bureau investigators conducted a follow up interview, at which time Deputy Davidian declined to make a voluntary statement pending the opportunity to view any and all available video footage related to the investigation.

On December 27, 2016, Homicide Bureau investigators were authorized by Homicide Bureau Captain Steven Katz to allow Deputy Davidian to view video footage evidence of the deputy involved shooting incident prior to providing a voluntary statement.

On January 11, 2017 at 1530 hours, Deputy Davidian and his attorney, Sherry Lawrence, met with Homicide Bureau investigators and viewed video surveillance footage obtained from Metro Bus #[redacted] a cell phone video from a passenger on Bus #[redacted] and video surveillance footage from a [redacted]

[redacted] [EXHIBIT A], which was located in a strip mall adjacent to the bus stop where the deputy involved shooting occurred.

On January 11, 2017 at 1611 hours, Deputy Davidian was interviewed by Homicide Bureau investigators. Deputy Davidian was re-interviewed on August 19, 2019, at 1054 hours by IAB investigators. Deputy Davidian was assigned to TPD in May of 2016 when he was [redacted] On the date of the deputy involved shooting, Deputy Davidian was partnered with Deputy [redacted] as a two-person patrol unit, Unit 645F. Deputy Davidian was assigned as the book man (passenger). They responded Code-3 from the original stabbing scene to Roscoe Boulevard and Ventura Canyon Avenue, where the suspect was reported to be on board Metro Bus #[redacted]

Deputies Davidian, [redacted] and Swailes, arrived at approximately the same time. Deputy Soderlund was already on scene and was waiting for the arrival of assisting units. The deputies gathered on the sidewalk and formulated a plan regarding the deployment of lethal and less lethal weapons. Deputy Soderlund deployed a Taser, Deputy [redacted] deployed a stun bag shotgun, and Deputy Davidian was designated as lethal. Deputy Davidian feared the suspect may continue to stab additional passengers, and he felt deputies needed to take immediate action and locate Suspect White. Deputy Soderlund approached the front of the bus, as Deputies Davidian, [redacted] and [redacted] took a position to the rear. Deputy Davidian did not recall Deputy Swailes assignment.

IAB Note: **Based on the Metro bus video footage [EXHIBIT A, Bus #[redacted] video, VID01625.par], and deputies statements, Deputy Swailes approached the front of the bus with Deputy Soderlund.**

Deputy Davidian approached the passenger side of the bus with his gun drawn and searched for Suspect White by looking through the windows. As he walked past the rear passenger door, he stopped to continue scanning further into the rear passenger area, when the door opened unexpectedly. During their initial approach of the bus, Deputy Davidian recalled deputy personnel had discussed they were going to open the bus doors, but it caught him by surprise because he did not hear anyone announce they were going to open the door at that exact moment.

When the rear door opened, Deputy Davidian immediately saw an individual matching the suspect description (Suspect White) approach the rear exit. Suspect White stopped when he saw Deputy Davidian standing outside of the door. Deputy Davidian did a quick visual inspection of Suspect White and did not see any weapons in his hands. Deputy Davidian did not want to alert Suspect White that deputy personnel were on scene looking for him, so he believed he holstered his firearm and told the suspect, "Hey man, just come on out! Come on

out." Suspect White, who was still on the bus, said something to the effect of, "No! Why?" and took a step back **[Homicide Bureau transcript, page 136]**.

> **IAB Note: Based on the Metro bus video footage, Deputy Davidian did not holster his firearm during his contact with Suspect White [EXHIBIT A, Bus #[redacted] VID01625.par].**

Deputy Davidian's immediate goal was to get Suspect White out of the bus. Deputy Davidian feared for the immediate safety of the bus passengers, and he feared Suspect White would retreat further into the bus and stab additional people. Deputy Davidian planted one foot on the bus platform and grabbed Suspect White's left arm with his left hand. Suspect White pulled away, broke free from Deputy Davidian's grasp, and simultaneously reached his right hand into his right, front pants pocket. Deputy Davidian yelled something to the effect of, "Hey, stop! Let me see your hands!" as Suspect White removed a gray pocket-knife from his pants pocket **[Homicide Bureau transcript, page 141]**. Deputy Davidian saw the gray handle of the knife in Suspect White's hands.

Suspect White raised the knife around shoulder level and charged towards Deputy Davidian. Deputy Davidian immediately jumped back onto the sidewalk, away from the rear door, and sidestepped approximately four feet to his right yelling something to the effect of, "Stop! Let me see your hands!" Suspect White continued to charge forward exiting the bus with the knife. Fearing for his life, Deputy Davidian fired three rounds from his pistol, aiming at the suspect's upper torso, while using a one-handed grip positioned near his right hip. Suspect White was an estimated three feet, an arm's length away from Deputy Davidian at the time of the shooting. Based on the fact Suspect White had already stabbed two people, Deputy Davidian feared Suspect White was attempting to stab and kill him.

Deputy Davidian described the knife as a folding knife with a gray handle. Deputy Davidian did not see the blade protruding from White's hand and did not know whether the knife was opened; however, Deputy Davidian believed it would take only a fraction of a second for Suspect White to open the blade to the knife and kill him. Based on the close proximity of the imminent threat, Deputy Davidian indicated he did not have time to raise his gun to eye level to acquire his sights at the time of the shooting. He was confident the suspect was out of the bus when he discharged his firearm. Deputy Davidian did not pull the suspect out of the bus. Deputy Davidian was unaware Deputy [redacted] fired a stun bag round during the shooting. Deputy Davidian broadcasted the deputy involved shooting over the radio and requested paramedics to the scene.

After the shooting, Suspect White fell to the ground and released the knife, which fell underneath him. Deputy Davidian backed away several feet, near the front of a bus bench, and detained Suspect White at gunpoint, as the suspect lay on his back with the knife located underneath his upper back area. Deputy Davidian

yelled to his partners warning them that Suspect White was in possession of a knife. Suspect White attempted to grab something from his bag, which was located on the ground next to him. Deputy Davidian kicked the bag away from Suspect White's reach and yelled further commands at Suspect White to not move and show his hands.

While deputy personnel continued to detain Suspect White at gunpoint, Deputy Davidian was cognizant the bus full of passengers remained in their backdrop; therefore, he directed a deputy to have the bus moved. Deputy Davidian believed Deputy [redacted] picked up the knife while it was in close proximity to Suspect White and she removed it from the area. Once Suspect White was determined to no longer be a threat, deputy personnel rendered him first aid.

Two screenshots of Metro Bus # [redacted] video footage and six crime scene photographs were used during Deputy Davidian's IAB Interview to identify positioning **[EXHIBIT C]**. Deputy Davidian utilized a black pen to mark an "X" on Suspect White and his position at the rear door during the initial contact.

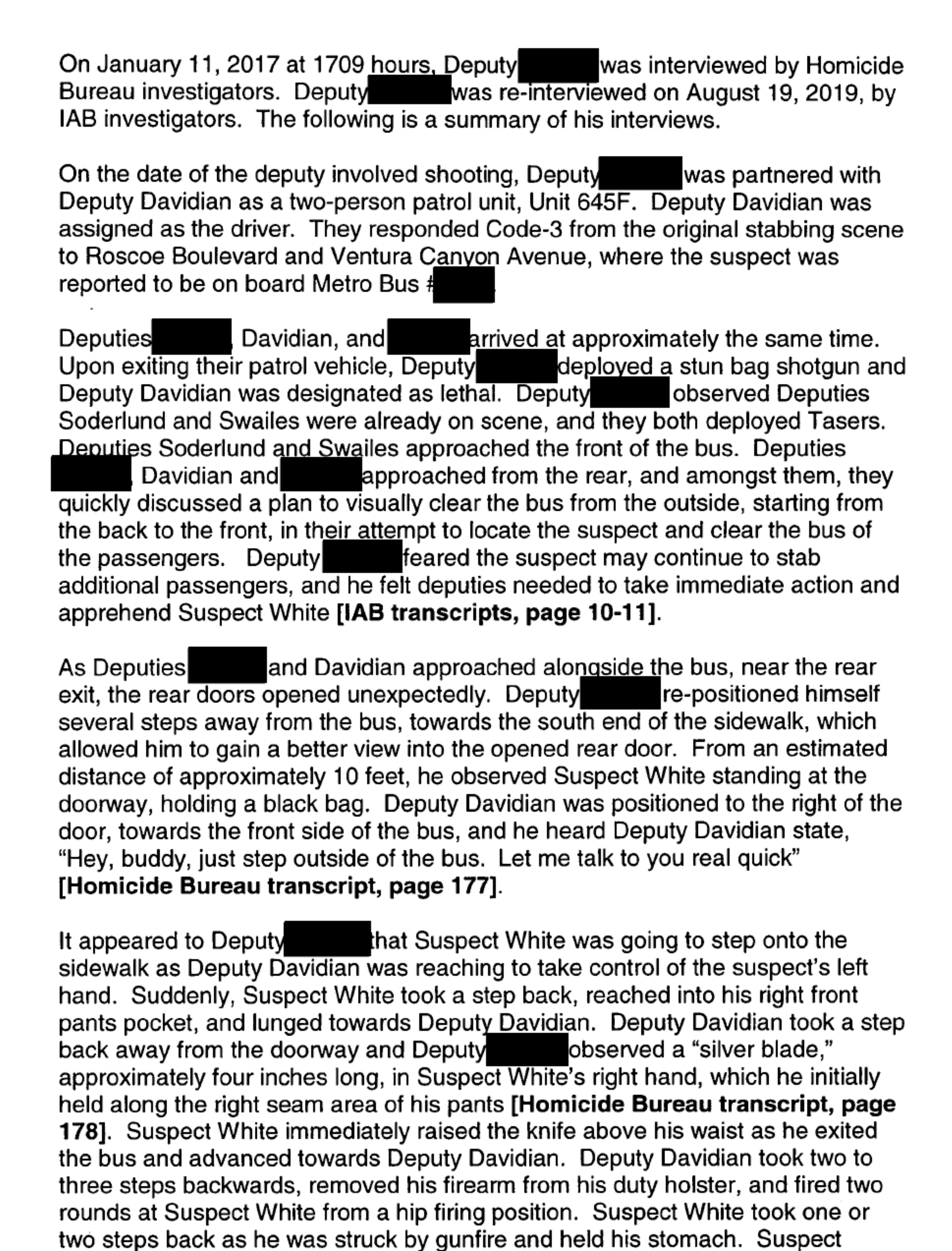
DEPUTY [redacted]

On August 17, 2016 at 2223 hours, Homicide Bureau investigators met with Deputy [redacted] and his attorneys, Amanda Waters and Sherry Lawrence. A request was made to reschedule Deputy [redacted] interview for August 19, 2016 to allow Deputy [redacted] the opportunity to rest and consider whether he would provide a statement prior to viewing any video footage. Homicide Bureau investigators informed counsel they had not received all the video, nor had they had the opportunity to view the video evidence.

On August 19, 2016 at 1345 hours, Homicide Bureau investigators conducted a follow up interview, at which time Deputy [redacted] declined to make a voluntary statement pending the opportunity to view any and all available video footage related to the investigation.

On December 27, 2016, Homicide Bureau investigators were authorized by Homicide Bureau Captain Steven Katz to allow Deputy [redacted] to view video footage evidence of the deputy involved shooting incident prior to providing a voluntary statement.

On January 11, 2017, at 1530 hours, Deputy [redacted] and his attorney, Sherry Lawrence, met with Homicide Bureau investigators and viewed video surveillance footage obtained from Metro Bus # [redacted], a cell phone video from a passenger on Bus # [redacted] and video surveillance footage from a [redacted] **[EXHIBIT A]**, which was located in a strip mall adjacent to the bus stop where the deputy involved shooting occurred.



On January 11, 2017 at 1709 hours, Deputy [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Bureau investigators. Deputy [redacted] was re-interviewed on August 19, 2019, by IAB investigators. The following is a summary of his interviews.

On the date of the deputy involved shooting, Deputy [redacted] was partnered with Deputy Davidian as a two-person patrol unit, Unit 645F. Deputy Davidian was assigned as the driver. They responded Code-3 from the original stabbing scene to Roscoe Boulevard and Ventura Canyon Avenue, where the suspect was reported to be on board Metro Bus #[redacted].

Deputies [redacted], Davidian, and [redacted] arrived at approximately the same time. Upon exiting their patrol vehicle, Deputy [redacted] deployed a stun bag shotgun and Deputy Davidian was designated as lethal. Deputy [redacted] observed Deputies Soderlund and Swailes were already on scene, and they both deployed Tasers. Deputies Soderlund and Swailes approached the front of the bus. Deputies [redacted], Davidian and [redacted] approached from the rear, and amongst them, they quickly discussed a plan to visually clear the bus from the outside, starting from the back to the front, in their attempt to locate the suspect and clear the bus of the passengers. Deputy [redacted] feared the suspect may continue to stab additional passengers, and he felt deputies needed to take immediate action and apprehend Suspect White **[IAB transcripts, page 10-11]**.

As Deputies [redacted] and Davidian approached alongside the bus, near the rear exit, the rear doors opened unexpectedly. Deputy [redacted] re-positioned himself several steps away from the bus, towards the south end of the sidewalk, which allowed him to gain a better view into the opened rear door. From an estimated distance of approximately 10 feet, he observed Suspect White standing at the doorway, holding a black bag. Deputy Davidian was positioned to the right of the door, towards the front side of the bus, and he heard Deputy Davidian state, "Hey, buddy, just step outside of the bus. Let me talk to you real quick" **[Homicide Bureau transcript, page 177]**.

It appeared to Deputy [redacted] that Suspect White was going to step onto the sidewalk as Deputy Davidian was reaching to take control of the suspect's left hand. Suddenly, Suspect White took a step back, reached into his right front pants pocket, and lunged towards Deputy Davidian. Deputy Davidian took a step back away from the doorway and Deputy [redacted] observed a "silver blade," approximately four inches long, in Suspect White's right hand, which he initially held along the right seam area of his pants **[Homicide Bureau transcript, page 178]**. Suspect White immediately raised the knife above his waist as he exited the bus and advanced towards Deputy Davidian. Deputy Davidian took two to three steps backwards, removed his firearm from his duty holster, and fired two rounds at Suspect White from a hip firing position. Suspect White took one or two steps back as he was struck by gunfire and held his stomach. Suspect White then turned towards Deputy Davidian, while still holding the knife in his hand. Fearing Suspect White was going to stab his partner, Deputy [redacted] fired

a stun bag round from a distance of approximately ten feet, which struck the suspect on his lower right stomach area. Suspect White fell to the ground and dropped the knife. Deputy [redacted] continued to point his stun bag shotgun at Suspect White while he was on the ground, because he was unable to observe the location of the knife. The Metro bus drove away from the location and paramedics arrived shortly thereafter.

IAB Note: **During his IAB interview, Deputy [redacted] stated he observed Suspect White on the ground holding the knife. He believed Deputy [redacted] approached Suspect White while he was lying on the ground, and kicked the knife away from his hand.**

IAB Note: **Cell-phone video footage [EXHIBIT A, Cell phone video] recorded by Witness [redacted], depicts Suspect White was not holding the knife when it was kicked away from the immediate area of the suspect.**

IAB Note: **During his IAB interview, Deputy [redacted] estimated he fired a stun bag round from a distance of twenty to thirty feet. The crime scene sketch depicts the width of the sidewalk to be twelve feet long. Based on the bus video footage, and his statement to Homicide Bureau investigators, the original estimated distance of ten feet appears to be an accurate estimate.**

Deputy [redacted] estimated Suspect White was less than five feet from Deputy Davidian at the time of the shooting; and he estimated the shooting occurred within seconds from the time Suspect White reached into his right pocket and charged towards Deputy Davidian. Suspect White exited the bus on his own and was not pulled out of the bus by Deputy Davidian.

Two screenshots of Metro Bus [redacted] video footage and six crime scene photographs were used during Deputy [redacted] IAB Interview to identify positions **[EXHIBIT D]**. Deputy [redacted] utilized a black pen to mark an "X" for his position, and an "O" for Deputy Davidian's position, during the shooting. Deputy [redacted] also drew a rectangle, representing the bus, with an arrow identifying Suspect White's movement when he exited the rear door.

DEPUTY [redacted]

Deputy [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Investigators Sergeant Timothy Cain and Detective Dean Camarillo on August 18, 2016, at 0128 hours. Deputy [redacted] was re-interviewed by IAB investigators on August 19, 2019, at 1342 hours. Deputies [redacted] was assigned to a single person unit, Unit [redacted]. Deputy [redacted] responded Code-3 from the original stabbing scene

to Roscoe Boulevard and Ventura Canyon Avenue, where the suspect was reported to be on board Metro Bus #[redacted]

Deputies [redacted] Soderlund, Swailes, Davidian and [redacted] arrived on scene at approximately the same time. They positioned their patrol vehicles behind the bus, blocking the #2 and #3 lanes of traffic. The deputies met near the radio cars and Deputy [redacted] recalled briefly speaking with Deputies Davidian and Soderlund. They quickly formulated a plan to clear the bus of the passengers, in their effort to locate Suspect White. They discussed clearing the passengers out of the bus solely via the front exit, but Deputy [redacted] feared the suspect would "panic" and "feel cornered," and would continue to stab additional passengers **[IAB transcript, page 5]**. They also discussed opening both the front and rear doors in order to have two access points to quickly locate and apprehend the suspect. Deputy [redacted] observed Deputy [redacted] with a stun bag shotgun and Deputy Swailes with a Taser. She, along with Deputy Davidian, were designated as lethal force.

Deputies Soderlund and Swailes approached the front of the bus and Deputy [redacted] held a position to the rear, between the rear tire and rear bumper. Deputy [redacted] was positioned to her right, and Deputy Davidian was positioned in front of her, standing by the rear door of the bus. As Deputy Soderlund spoke to the bus driver, the rear door opened and Deputy Davidian approached the doorway, placing one foot onto the bus platform, as he appeared to converse with someone who was inside. From her position, Deputy [redacted] could not see inside the bus and she was unable to hear the content of the conversation. Shortly thereafter, Deputy Davidian appeared to be in a struggle. Deputy [redacted] saw Deputy Davidian's body move back and forth, but Deputy [redacted] was unsure if Deputy Davidian was actually making physical contact with somebody inside the bus. Seconds later, Deputy Davidian backed away from the bus as Suspect White exited, at which time Deputy [redacted] heard approximately two gunshots, including the shotgun blast from Deputy [redacted] stun bag. Deputy [redacted] heard the gunfire, but she did not see Deputies Davidian or [redacted] fire their weapons. She indicated she only had a view of Deputy Davidian's side profile at the time of the shooting.

Deputy [redacted] did not know whether Deputy Davidian pulled Suspect White out of the bus or if Suspect White ran out under his own power. She did not know if the suspect was inside the bus or simultaneously exiting the bus at the time the shots were fired. Deputy [redacted] was unable to articulate the position of the suspect's hands or any further movements by the suspect prior to the shooting.

After the shooting, Deputy [redacted] observed Suspect White fall to the ground, onto his back, and his shirt became saturated with blood near his left abdominal area. As deputy personnel detained Suspect White at gunpoint, Deputy [redacted] observed a knife on the sidewalk, located beneath Suspect White's upper back. Deputy [redacted] described the knife as a silver folding knife, which she observed to

be in the folded position. This was her first observation of the knife. Deputy [redacted] gave the suspect numerous commands to roll onto his stomach, so she could safely retrieve the knife. The suspect ultimately complied and leaned on his side. Deputy [redacted] approached Suspect White with her gun drawn and kicked the knife away from him.

Deputy [redacted] retrieved a blue latex glove from her pants pocket and placed the glove around the knife. She picked up the knife and placed it on a three-foot high retaining wall, located south of the sidewalk where the deputies were standing. Deputy [redacted] picked up the knife because she feared Suspect White would attempt to arm himself with the knife and harm deputy personnel and/or passengers on the bus.

Deputy [redacted] returned and continued detaining Suspect White at gunpoint. At this time, she noticed Suspect White appeared to be unresponsive. Deputy [redacted] communicated with deputy personnel stating she was going to approach Suspect White to search him for weapons. Immediately upon searching Suspect White and determining he no longer posed a threat, deputy personnel rendered first aid until the arrival of Los Angeles City Fire Department paramedics.

While they were rendering first aid, Deputy [redacted] directed Deputy Soderlund to retrieve the knife she had placed on the retaining wall. She observed Deputy Soderlund retrieve the knife but she was unsure where he secured it once he obtained possession of it.

Two screenshots of Metro Bus #[redacted] video footage and six crime scene photographs were used during Deputy [redacted] IAB Interview to identify positions **[EXHIBIT E]**. Deputy [redacted] utilized a black pen to mark an "X" and the initial of each individual deputy's last name, to identify their position on the sidewalk, when Deputy Davidian made contact with Suspect White at the rear door. On a picture depicting the bus' rear door, she drew a stick figure of Suspect White exiting the door, and she marked a "D" for Deputy Davidian, identifying their positions during the time of the deputy involved shooting. On a picture depicting the sidewalk with Suspect White's clothing on the ground, Deputy [redacted] drew a rectangle representing the bus, and she marked an "X" on the wall where she estimated she placed the knife after she kicked it away from Suspect White.

SERGEANT CHRISTOPHER SODERLUND

Sergeant Christopher Soderlund was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Investigators Sergeant Timothy Cain and Detective Dean Camarillo on August 17, 2016, at 2330 hours. Sergeant Soderlund was re-interviewed by IAB investigator on August 22, 2019, at 1018 hours. Sergeant Soderlund was assigned to Transit Policing Division as a deputy on the date of the incident. He was [redacted] in [redacted]

Sergeant Soderlund was the first unit to arrive on scene at Roscoe Boulevard and Ventura Canyon Avenue. He parked his patrol vehicle approximately one car length behind the bus, and stood on the sidewalk, behind a utility pool, adjacent to the front passenger fender of his vehicle, where he could maintain a visual of both the front and rear passenger doors of the bus. He maintained his position as he waited for his assisting units to arrive.

Deputies Davidian, [redacted] and Swailes arrived shortly thereafter. Deputy personnel formulated a plan regarding the deployment of lethal and less lethal weapons. Sergeant Soderlund deployed a Taser, Deputy [redacted] deployed a stun bag shotgun and Deputies Davidian, [redacted] and Swailes were designated as lethal. Sergeant Soderlund feared the suspect may continue to stab additional passengers, and he felt deputies needed to take immediate action and locate Suspect White. Sergeant Soderlund did not recall discussing a plan prior to their approach of the bus, but based on his training and experience, and with multiple deputy personnel on scene, he stated the appropriate tactical approach to the bus was to have deputies positioned on both the front and rear exits in order to safely clear the passengers out of the bus **[IAB transcript, page 7]**.

As Sergeant Soderlund approached the bus, along with Deputy Swailes, he noticed the front door of the bus was open and the rear door was closed. They approached the front door and Sergeant Soderlund observed the bus driver, Witness [redacted] seated in the driver's seat. Sergeant Soderlund looked back and ensured Deputies Davidian, [redacted] and [redacted] maintained their positions by the rear door and he instructed the bus driver to open the exit. Sergeant Soderlund entered the bus via the front door, followed by Deputy Swailes, and he observed approximately thirty passengers on board. Sergeant Soderlund walked into the "buffer zone," which he described as the front area of the bus with no passenger seats, approximately five feet in length, which separates the driver seat from the passenger area of the bus.

Sergeant Soderlund attempted to locate Suspect White by scanning the front passenger seating area, when he then heard a commotion coming from the rear passenger seating area. He heard yelling but he could not distinguish what was being said. Sergeant Soderlund observed Suspect White standing at the rear door, but his view was obstructed by other passengers who were standing in the aisle way, and he could only see Suspect White from the shoulders up.

Sergeant Soderlund observed Suspect White lunge towards the rear doors, at which time his view was further obstructed by the folded rear doors to the exit, and he simultaneously heard two to three gunshots. Sergeant Soderlund was unable to see Suspect White's hands as he passed through the doorway. He was also unable to observe Deputies Davidian and [redacted] actions at the time of the shooting. Sergeant Soderlund and Deputy Swailes quickly exited the bus via the front door.

Upon exiting the bus, Sergeant Soderlund saw Suspect White on the sidewalk, lying on his back. Deputy Davidian was detaining the suspect at gunpoint as he yelled, "He's got a knife. Watch out, he's got a knife" **[IAB transcript, page 6]**. Suspect White reached into his right, front pants pocket, at which time Deputy Davidian again warned deputies that Suspect White was armed with a knife. Suspect White removed his hands from his pocket and Sergeant Soderlund did not observe anything in Suspect White's hands.

When the deputies determined Suspect White was no longer a threat, they rendered medical aid. During this time, Deputy [redacted] instructed Sergeant Soderlund to secure the knife, which was located on top of a three-foot high wall, adjacent to the sidewalk. Sergeant Soderlund took possession of the folding knife, which was partially wrapped in a blue rubber glove, and secured the knife on the front passenger seat of his patrol vehicle and locked the doors. Sergeant Soderlund did not see the knife at any moment during the incident until Deputy [redacted] instructed him to secure it.

IAB Note: **Detective Amber Veatch responded to the crime scene containment and located the knife in Deputy Soderlund's patrol vehicle. She took possession of the knife, placed it inside a manila envelope, and secured it in the trunk of her County issued vehicle [EXHIBIT A, pages 7-8].**

Two screenshots of Metro bus #[redacted] video footage and five crime scene photographs were used during Sergeant Soderlund's IAB Interview to identify positions **[EXHIBIT F]**. Sergeant Soderlund utilized a black pen to circle his patrol vehicle and placed an "X" next to a utility pole, which marked where he stood and waited for responding personnel to arrive. Sergeant Soderlund wrote his initials and circled Suspect White's head, identifying where the suspect stood at the rear doorway when Deputy Davidian contacted him. On the pictures depicting the sidewalk with Suspect White's clothing on the ground, Sergeant Soderlund marked an "X" on the wall, where he recovered the knife prior to securing it in his patrol vehicle. He also marked a "D" for Deputy Davidian and three "X's" on the sidewalk, representing the position of deputy personnel after the shooting.

DEPUTY GARRETT SWAILES

Deputy Garrett Swailes was interviewed by Homicide Bureau Investigators Sergeant Timothy Cain and Detective Dean Camarillo on August 18, 2016, at 0041 hours. Deputy Swailes was re-interviewed by IAB investigators on August 19, 2019, at 1441 hours. Deputy Swailes was assigned to a single person unit, Unit 670F2. Deputy Swailes responded Code-3 from the original stabbing scene to Roscoe Boulevard and Ventura Canyon Avenue, where the suspect was reported to be on board Metro Bus #[redacted]

Deputies Swailes, [redacted] Davidian and [redacted] arrived at approximately the same time, and they positioned their patrol vehicles behind the bus, blocking the #2 and #3 lanes of traffic. Deputy Soderlund was already on scene and was waiting for the arrival of assisting units. The deputies gathered on the sidewalk near the radio cars and formulated a plan regarding the deployment of lethal and less lethal weapons. Deputies Soderlund and Swailes deployed a Taser, Deputy [redacted] deployed a stun bag, and Deputies Davidian and [redacted] were designated as lethal force. Deputy Swailes did not recall discussing a plan prior to their approach, but felt the need to take immediate action because he feared Suspect White may continue to stab additional passengers.

Deputies Swailes and Soderlund approached the front door of the bus, as Deputies Davidian, [redacted] and [redacted] covered the rear door. As they made their approach, Deputy Swailes observed there were a lot of people standing and seated in the bus. Deputy Swailes followed Deputy Soderlund onto the bus via the front door and he heard an unknown person on the bus say something to the effect of, "There he is!" or "I think that's him" **[Homicide Bureau transcript, page 72]**. Deputy Swailes' view was obstructed, due to the fact he was standing directly behind Deputy Soderlund, who was physically taller and larger than he was. Bus passengers were also blocking his view.

Several seconds after entering the bus, Deputy Swailes heard two gunshots. He did not see any of the interaction between Deputy Davidian and Suspect White on the bus. Deputy Swailes also indicated he could not see Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] from his position on the bus when the shooting occurred.

Deputy Swailes did not see Suspect White until he exited the bus and saw him lying the ground with blood seeping through his shirt. Deputy Swailes did not see a weapon in Suspect White's hand, but he recalled seeing a small pocket knife in the immediate area. He did not recall if it was on the ground or if it was on the bus.

As deputy personnel detained the suspect at gunpoint, Deputy Swailes observed Suspect White reaching into his right pocket and black bag. Deputy Davidian kicked the bag away from Suspect White and ordered him to stop reaching. Deputy Swailes advised the bus driver to drive away from the immediate area, because he was concerned the bus full of passengers were in the direct line of fire. When the deputies determined Suspect White was no longer a threat, Deputy Swailes assisted in rendering aid until the arrival of Los Angeles City Fire Department paramedics.

Two screenshots of Metro Bus #[redacted] video footage and six crime scene photographs were used during Deputy Swailes' IAB Interview to identify positions **[EXHIBIT G]**. Deputy Swailes did not mark any of the images. He did not see Suspect White, nor was he able to identify Deputy Davidian's or Deputy [redacted] position at the time of the shooting.

SERGEANT JOSE MUNOZ

Sergeant Munoz was interviewed by IAB investigators on August 21, 2019, at 1104 hours. Sergeant Munoz was assigned to Unit 688S, and his area of responsibility included the San Fernando Valley bus lines. Sergeant Munoz responded to the location of Bus #[redacted], where the original stabbing incident occurred. LAPD and Department personnel were on scene, and Sergeant Munoz recalled hearing a radio crime broadcast regarding the stabbing. LAPD units were detaining a possible suspect in the area, but it was determined the detained person was not the suspect of the stabbing. Department personnel assumed control of the investigation and they remained at the crime scene pending the medical status of the stabbing victims.

Sergeant Munoz remained on scene and he was on the telephone with TPD detective personnel, when he heard radio traffic which indicated a male, who possibly matched the description of the stabbing suspect, was on board Metro Bus #[redacted]. Sergeant Munoz recalled seeing two deputies (Deputies [redacted] and Swailes) leave the crime scene after hearing the radio traffic while he was still on the telephone. This left only him and Deputies [redacted] and Davidian at the original crime scene. Moments later, Sergeant Munoz instructed Deputies [redacted] and Davidian to also respond, as a backup unit.

Sergeant Munoz remained on the telephone with detectives trying to get additional personnel to respond to the scene to assist with the investigation, continued to hold the crime scene, and awaited a medical update on the stabbing victims. The radio update indicated a "possible" suspect was on bus #[redacted] and he did not believe he needed to respond at that moment **[IAB transcript, pages 8-10]**.

When Sergeant Munoz heard the emergent radio traffic regarding the deputy involved shooting, he immediately responded to their location. He directed the operator of bus #[redacted] to remain at the scene and to secure the bus pending the arrival of additional deputies.

CIVILIAN WITNESS STATEMENTS

The following are summaries of recorded witness interviews by Homicide Bureau investigators. For additional information, refer to the attached verbatim transcripts and/or audio files.

[redacted]

Witness [redacted] was interviewed on August 18, 2016, at approximately 2231 hours by Homicide Bureau Investigator Eduardo Aguirre. Witness [redacted] was on Metro Bus #[redacted] with his [redacted]. Witness [redacted]. They were seated in the second row past the driver's side, rear door.

While the bus was stopped at Roscoe and Ventura Canyon Boulevards, he observed two deputies enter the bus via the rear door and they talked to Suspect White, who stood up and walked to the rear door carrying a bag. One of the deputies grabbed Suspect White by his right arm, and the suspect stepped backwards. Simultaneously, the suspect reached behind his back with his left hand as if he was pulling "something" out, and he was shot twice by Deputy Davidian. As Suspect White fell to the ground, Witness [redacted] saw a knife on the ground, near the suspect's back. Deputy [redacted] used her foot to kick the knife away from Suspect White, and she used a blue colored glove to pick up the weapon.

[redacted]

On August 18, 2016, at 1150 hours, Homicide Bureau Investigator Eduardo Aguirre conducted a brief telephone interview with Witness [redacted]. Later that evening, at 2210 hours, Investigator Aguirre interviewed Witness [redacted] at her residence. Witness [redacted] was on board Metro Bus # [redacted] with her [redacted] Witness [redacted] They were seated in the second row, past the driver's side, rear door.

While the bus was stopped at Roscoe Boulevard and Ventura Canyon Avenue, a male and female deputy entered the bus through the front door and ordered Suspect White to exit the bus. Suspect White walked to the rear door and was confronted by a deputy (Deputy Davidian). Deputy Davidian grabbed the Suspect White's arm and he resisted by pulling his body away from the deputy. Witness [redacted] momentarily turned her head away from the commotion and then heard two gunshots. She looked outside and saw Suspect White lying on the ground. Witness [redacted] proceeded to record the incident with her cell phone.

IAB Note: **During Investigator Aguirre's initial audio recorded telephonic interview, Witness [redacted] stated she saw Suspect White reach behind his back prior to the deputy involved shooting. Witness [redacted] did not mention this during the in-person (second) interview.**

While Suspect White was lying on the ground, Witness [redacted] saw the suspect roll his body to his side, and she observed a knife on the ground underneath his back. Deputy [redacted] kicked the knife away from Suspect White, and she used a glove to pick up the weapon. Witness [redacted] did not see Suspect White armed with the knife during the incident.

[redacted]

Witness [redacted] was interviewed on August 17, 2016, by Detective Amber Veatch, which was recorded on Deputy Evan Wagner's body camera. Witness [redacted] was later interviewed on the same date at approximately 2225 hours by

Homicide Bureau Investigator Eduardo Aguirre.

Witness [redacted] exited Metro Bus # [redacted] at the intersection of Roscoe Boulevard and Ventura Canyon Avenue. Witness [redacted] stood on the sidewalk near the rear passenger doors of the bus when he observed a deputy armed with a shotgun and a female deputy enter the bus via the front door. A third deputy (Deputy Davidian) approached the rear door of the bus. The rear doors opened and Witness [redacted] observed Suspect White standing at the exit as he was about to get off the bus, holding what appeared to be a soda or a Powerade bottle in one of his hands. Deputy Davidian held a handgun in his right hand and he extended his left arm toward the top portion of Suspect White's shirt and grabbed a hold of it. Witness [redacted] heard Deputy Davidian repeatedly tell Suspect White to "go down" as he pulled Suspect White's shirt in a downward motion to get him out of the bus. As Suspect White exited the bus, Deputy Davidian fired three to four shots causing the suspect to fall to the ground. Witness [redacted] was unable to observe if Suspect White had a weapon or any other object in his opposite hand.

[redacted]

Witness [redacted] was interviewed on August 17, 2016, at approximately 1825 hours, by Homicide Bureau Investigator Rodriguez. Witness [redacted] is an LAPD [redacted] assigned to Topanga Station, and he was in full uniform, driving his assigned, unmarked silver Dodge Charger.

Witness [redacted] noticed a Metro bus stopped along the south curb of Roscoe Boulevard, facing east towards Ventura Canyon Avenue. A Los Angeles Sheriff's Department patrol vehicle responded to the location with its emergency lights and siren engaged and stopped behind the bus. The patrol vehicle stopped next to Witness [redacted] vehicle and he observed a male White deputy (Deputy Soderlund) exit. Witness [redacted] asked Deputy Soderlund if he needed help, but Deputy Soderlund informed him he was okay and that assisting units were responding to the location.

Witness [redacted] drove around the bus and turned into the driveway of a strip mall located on the southwest corner of the intersection. Witness [redacted] parked his vehicle in the parking lot adjacent to the [redacted] He exited his vehicle and observed another three or four deputies on scene approach the bus. The deputies positioned themselves around the bus, all facing in a northerly direction, toward the bus. Witness [redacted] stood south of the deputies' position, with a three foot wall in front of him, which separated the parking lot and the south curb of Roscoe Boulevard. Witness [redacted] also observed two civilians standing on the sidewalk near the front of the bus.

Witness [redacted] noticed the deputies were focused on the rear end of the bus, when the rear passenger door suddenly opened. Witness [redacted] observed

Suspect White, wearing a white t-shirt, standing in the doorway; however, he was unable to clearly observe the suspect's actions. Witness [redacted] observed a male deputy (Deputy Davidian) raise his hand as if to gesture to Suspect White to come out of the bus. He heard Deputy Davidian yell, "No! No! No! No!" in a startled manner as he backed away from Suspect White, prior to hearing two to three gunshots **[EXHIBIT B, page 366; 372].** Witness [redacted] was unable to see when Deputy Davidian drew his weapon.

Witness [redacted] believed Deputy Davidian reacted to "something aggressive" by Suspect White, which caused him to shoot, but he was unable to clearly see what led up to the shooting **[EXHIBIT B, page 366].** Witness [redacted] added he did not observe Suspect White armed with the knife; however, he believed Deputy Davidian's reaction to Suspect White, as he "recoiled" away from him, appeared to be out of fear and concern for his safety. The shooting occurred within a "split second", as Deputy Davidian yelled, "No! No! No! No!" **[EXHIBIT B, pages 371-372]**.

After the shooting, Suspect White fell to the sidewalk and Witness [redacted] view was temporarily blocked by the wall in front of him. Witness [redacted] approached the wall to gain a better view and heard deputy personnel giving Suspect White commands to not move. Witness [redacted] believed Suspect White was armed because the deputies kept a safe distance and did not approach him. Suspect White's shirt was covered in blood. Witness [redacted] heard one of the deputies order the bus to move from the location.

Eventually, he observed a female deputy (Deputy [redacted] roll Suspect White onto his side in an apparent effort to assist his breathing. Witness [redacted] asked deputy personnel if an ambulance had been called and the deputies confirmed they were responding.

After the incident, Witness [redacted] observed Deputy Soderlund wearing a blue latex glove, walk past him carrying a folded stainless steel knife. Deputy Soderlund placed the knife into a nearby patrol vehicle.

Witness [redacted] recalled seeing a stun bag shotgun, which he described to be beige in color, carried by a male deputy (Deputy [redacted] at the scene. Witness [redacted] did not see or hear Deputy [redacted] fire the stun bag shotgun. He was focused primarily on Deputy Davidian and Suspect White during the incident.

[redacted]

On Wednesday, August 17, 2016, at approximately 1928 hours, Metro Bus Operator [redacted] #[redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Bureau investigators.

Witness [redacted] was the bus operator assigned to drive Metro Bus #[redacted]. While

driving her assigned bus route, she stopped at the bus stop located at Roscoe Boulevard and Van Nuys Boulevard. There were several passengers who boarded the bus, including Suspect White. An unidentified male Hispanic walked up to the open front door of the bus, pointed at Suspect White and stated, "That's him." Witness [redacted] had no idea what the male Hispanic was referring to and only realized after the incident he was likely referring to Suspect White's involvement in the stabbing incident on Metro Bus #[redacted].

Suspect White made his way to the rear of the fully-loaded bus and eventually sat down. Witness [redacted] noticed that several bus passengers moved away from Suspect White's area and they appeared concerned. Suspect White was making comments, but she was unable to hear what he was saying.

A short time later, Witness [redacted] received a call from the Metro Dispatch Control Center and she was asked if a male matching Suspect White's description was a passenger on the bus. Witness [redacted] confirmed Suspect White was on board and Metro Dispatch ordered her to stop the bus pending the arrival of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department personnel. Witness [redacted] stopped the bus at the bus stop located at Roscoe Boulevard and Ventura Canyon Avenue in Panorama City.

Approximately two minutes later, Witness [redacted] observed deputy personnel arrive. Two deputies walked to the front of the bus, while two more took a position to the rear. She heard a deputy, who was positioned inside of the bus near the rear doors, ask Suspect White to exit the bus. Suspect White grabbed a duffle bag from his seat and proceeded to walk to the rear bus doors, appearing as though he was going to exit. Deputies onboard at the rear of the bus walked backwards, towards the rear exit, as Suspect White walked towards them. Suspect White suddenly stopped, turned, and proceeded to walk back into the bus. Witness [redacted] said the deputies "grabbed" and "took" Suspect White out of the bus **[Homicide Bureau Transcripts: Page 318-319]**. The deputies and Suspect White were out of her field of view during this portion of the contact, and she was unable to elaborate any further.

Once they were out of the bus, Witness [redacted] observed Deputy Davidian pointing his firearm towards the rear doorway and she heard three to four gunshots. Witness [redacted] was unable to observe Suspect White's actions outside of the bus prior to the shooting.

Witness [redacted] observed Suspect White on the ground, rolling back and forth on the sidewalk. Suspect White reached for his duffle bag, and a deputy kicked it away from him. A deputy ordered Witness [redacted] to move the bus and she complied, traveling east on Roscoe Boulevard. She eventually stopped approximately one half mile away from the deputy involved shooting location.

Witness [redacted] was standing by her elevated driver's seat when she made her

observations of the shooting incident. She believed Deputy Davidian was standing approximately four to eight feet southeast of the rear bus doors, facing in a northwest direction, at the time of the shooting.

[redacted]

Witness [redacted] was interviewed on August 26, 2016, at 1700 hours by Homicide Bureau Investigators, Sergeant Cain and Detective Camarillo. Witness [redacted] was standing by the rear door exit of Metro Bus # [redacted] when it stopped on Roscoe and Ventura Canyon Boulevards. Suspect White was seated across from the rear door.

Witness [redacted] observed one deputy approach the front bus door, while two other deputies took a position near the rear door. When the rear door opened, Witness [redacted] observed a deputy (Deputy Davidian) with a handgun in his hand. Deputy Davidian addressed Suspect White by giving him several verbal commands to exit the bus. Eventually, Suspect White stood up, carrying a bag over his right shoulder, and he walked towards the rear door. Deputy Davidian said something to the effect of, "Come out and talk to me." Suspect White stopped and asked, "For what?" **[Homicide Bureau transcripts, page 226]**.

Witness [redacted] stood less than two feet away from Suspect White when he observed the suspect reach towards his left rear pocket with his left hand. Deputy Davidian reached into the bus and grabbed the suspect's left arm and attempted to pull Suspect White out of the bus. Suspect White resisted and pulled his arm away from Deputy Davidian's grasp as Deputy Davidian yelled, "Don't reach for anything!" **[Homicide Bureau transcripts, page 222]**. As Suspect White continued to reach toward his rear pocket, Deputy Davidian fired one round while Suspect White was still on the bus. Suspect White moved towards the rear door and Deputy Davidian fired three more rounds as Suspect White stepped out of the bus.

Witness [redacted] believed Deputy Davidian fired a total of four rounds: one on the bus, two as Suspect White was moving towards the exit, and possibly one more as Suspect White fell out of the bus and onto the sidewalk. Witness [redacted] believed Suspect White's forward motion towards the rear door was caused by the bullet strikes.

While Suspect White was on the ground, Witness [redacted] observed a folded silver knife on the sidewalk next to the suspect's feet. Witness [redacted] did not observe the knife prior to the shooting. Witness [redacted] recalled there was a deputy (Deputy [redacted]) holding a shotgun during the incident but he did not see the deputy fire the weapon.

[redacted]

Witness [redacted] was interviewed on August 17, 2016, at approximately 2039 hours, by Homicide Bureau Investigators. Witness [redacted] was seated in the [redacted] ([redacted] Panorama City) dining with his [redacted]

Witness [redacted] was facing Roscoe Boulevard when he observed deputy personnel approach the bus with their firearms drawn. He described one deputy was positioned to the front, two deputies positioned themselves at the rear passenger door, and one female deputy was positioned at the rear end of the bus. The two deputies positioned at the rear passenger door were armed with a handgun and a shotgun.

Witness [redacted] heard deputies yell, "Come out! Get down!" Witness [redacted] said the door to the [redacted] was propped open, and he heard the deputies from an estimated distance of thirty feet. As Suspect White stood on the rear door step of the bus, Witness [redacted] observed the deputies grab Suspect White's left arm (tricep) and Suspect White pulled his arm away from their grasp. The deputies quickly backed away from Suspect White, approximately four feet, at which time Witness [redacted] heard two to three gunshots. Suspect White was positioned on the sidewalk, slightly east of the rear bus doors, when he was shot.

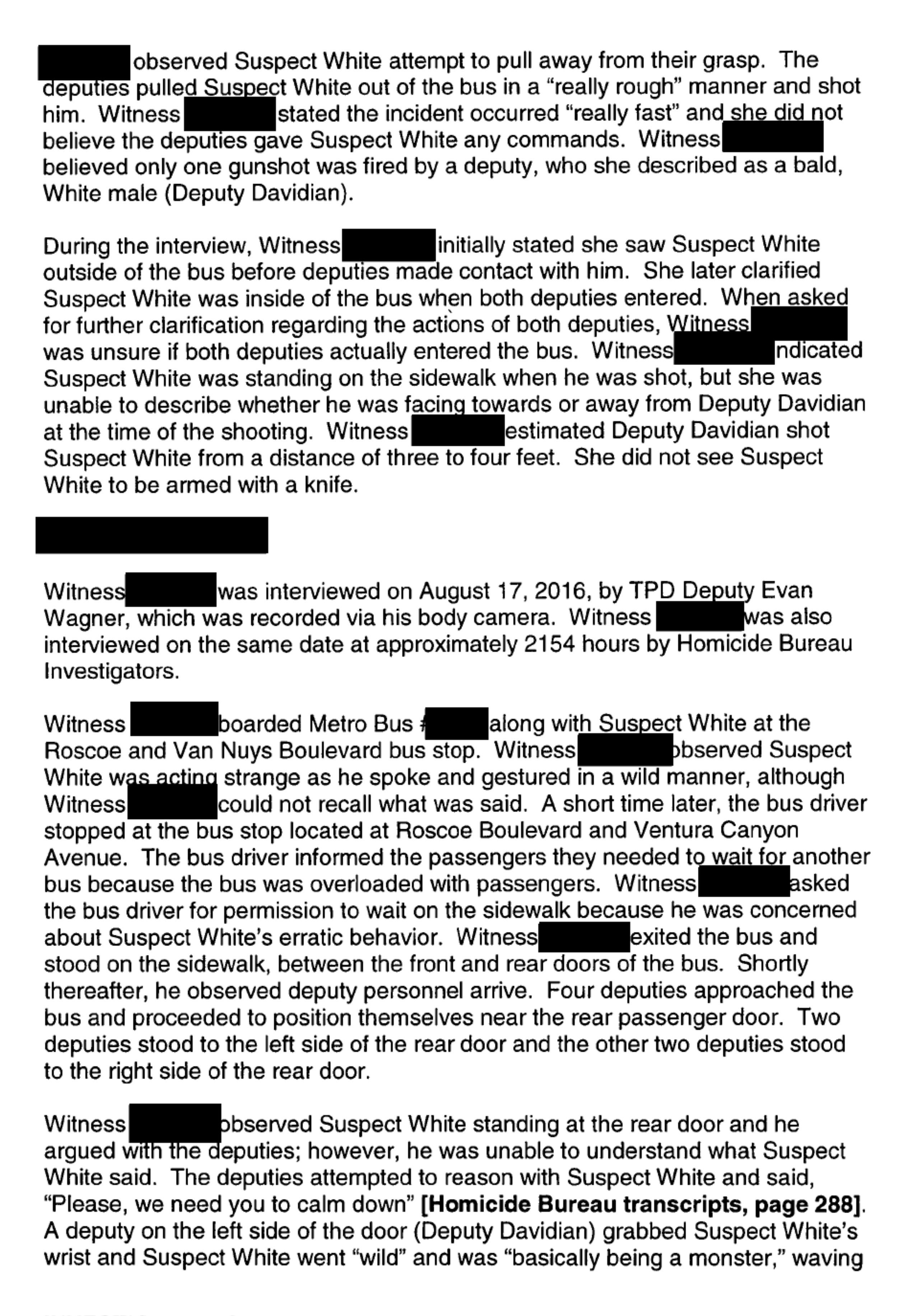
Witness [redacted] stated several palm trees limited his view of the incident and he was also looking back and forth at his [redacted] while at the same time engaging her in conversation. Witness [redacted] was unsure if Suspect White was holding a weapon or any items in his hands when he was shot. Witness [redacted] estimated the shooting occurred approximately five seconds after the deputies grabbed Suspect White.

IAB Note: **Witness [redacted] was also interviewed by Homicide Bureau investigators. She observed deputy personnel positioned at the rear door of the bus, pointing their handguns at Suspect White. Ms [redacted] heard the sound of four gunshots, but she did not see what led up to the shooting.**

[redacted]

Witness [redacted] was interviewed on August 17, 2016, at approximately 2130 hours by Homicide Bureau Investigators. Witness [redacted] is employed at the [redacted] and was cleaning the [redacted] lobby.

Witness [redacted] observed deputy personnel approach the bus. Two deputies entered the bus via the rear door and approached Suspect White. One deputy grabbed Suspect White's shirt collar while the other grabbed his arm. Witness



[redacted] observed Suspect White attempt to pull away from their grasp. The deputies pulled Suspect White out of the bus in a "really rough" manner and shot him. Witness [redacted] stated the incident occurred "really fast" and she did not believe the deputies gave Suspect White any commands. Witness [redacted] believed only one gunshot was fired by a deputy, who she described as a bald, White male (Deputy Davidian).

During the interview, Witness [redacted] initially stated she saw Suspect White outside of the bus before deputies made contact with him. She later clarified Suspect White was inside of the bus when both deputies entered. When asked for further clarification regarding the actions of both deputies, Witness [redacted] was unsure if both deputies actually entered the bus. Witness [redacted] indicated Suspect White was standing on the sidewalk when he was shot, but she was unable to describe whether he was facing towards or away from Deputy Davidian at the time of the shooting. Witness [redacted] estimated Deputy Davidian shot Suspect White from a distance of three to four feet. She did not see Suspect White to be armed with a knife.

[redacted]

Witness [redacted] was interviewed on August 17, 2016, by TPD Deputy Evan Wagner, which was recorded via his body camera. Witness [redacted] was also interviewed on the same date at approximately 2154 hours by Homicide Bureau Investigators.

Witness [redacted] boarded Metro Bus [redacted] along with Suspect White at the Roscoe and Van Nuys Boulevard bus stop. Witness [redacted] observed Suspect White was acting strange as he spoke and gestured in a wild manner, although Witness [redacted] could not recall what was said. A short time later, the bus driver stopped at the bus stop located at Roscoe Boulevard and Ventura Canyon Avenue. The bus driver informed the passengers they needed to wait for another bus because the bus was overloaded with passengers. Witness [redacted] asked the bus driver for permission to wait on the sidewalk because he was concerned about Suspect White's erratic behavior. Witness [redacted] exited the bus and stood on the sidewalk, between the front and rear doors of the bus. Shortly thereafter, he observed deputy personnel arrive. Four deputies approached the bus and proceeded to position themselves near the rear passenger door. Two deputies stood to the left side of the rear door and the other two deputies stood to the right side of the rear door.

Witness [redacted] observed Suspect White standing at the rear door and he argued with the deputies; however, he was unable to understand what Suspect White said. The deputies attempted to reason with Suspect White and said, "Please, we need you to calm down" **[Homicide Bureau transcripts, page 288]**. A deputy on the left side of the door (Deputy Davidian) grabbed Suspect White's wrist and Suspect White went "wild" and was "basically being a monster," waving

his arms and kicking his legs **[Homicide Bureau transcripts, page 292]**. Deputy Davidian backed away from the rear door and fired four shots at Suspect White. Witness [redacted] estimated Deputy Davidian was approximately three feet away from Suspect White when he fired his handgun.

Witness [redacted] estimated he was standing five feet away from the deputies at the time of the shooting. Witness [redacted] did not observe anything in Suspect White's hands.

ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS:

On August 17, 2016, TPD Deputy Eric Johnson, #[redacted] interviewed Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] which were summarized in his supplemental report **[EXHIBIT A, page 20]**. On the same date, TPD Deputy Evan Wagner, #[redacted], interviewed Witness [redacted] The interview was recorded via Deputy Wagner's body camera **[EXHIBIT A, Videos, Deputy Wagner Body camera footage]** and was summarized in his supplemental report **[EXHIBIT A, page 17]**.

Homicide Bureau investigators interviewed the following passengers who were on board Metro Bus #[redacted] FH/[redacted], MH/[redacted] and [redacted] FH/[redacted] The passengers observed Suspect White walk to the rear doors of the bus and heard gunshots. They did not witness any further actions leading up to the shooting. Homicide Bureau investigators interviewed passenger [redacted] MO/[redacted] who stated he was sleeping at the time of the shooting. These interviews were all audio recorded by Homicide Bureau investigators **[EXHIBIT A, Audio Interviews]**.

Homicide Bureau investigators also interviewed the following persons who were identified as victims in the original stabbing incident on Metro Bus #[redacted], MW/[redacted] FB/[redacted] and [redacted], MB/[redacted] These interviews were all audio recorded **[EXHIBIT A, Audio Interviews]** and detailed in Homicide Bureau investigators supplemental reports **[EXHIBIT A, pages 62-68]**.

SUSPECT STATEMENT:

SUSPECT GERRY WHITE

On August 24, 2016, at approximately 1223 hours, Suspect White was interviewed by Homicide Bureau investigators. The audio recorded interview took place in a hospital room at Providence Holy Cross Medical Center in the city of Mission Hills. After Homicide Bureau investigators read Suspect White his Miranda Rights, he invoked his right to an attorney and did not wish to speak; however, before the investigators left, Suspect White spontaneously stated, "It wasn't his fault. He was doing his job, that's all I can say. I was in a ruckus.

You know, a guy tried to get me. I done what I do and just got shot, man."

RADIO TRANSMISSIONS:

Transit Policing Division Main Frequency

14:03:01 - Sheriff's Communication Center (SCC) requests a Code-3 response to Sepulveda Boulevard and Chase Street in Panorama City regarding a male suspect armed with a knife on Metro Bus #[redacted]
14:06:11 - SCC update stating the suspect threatened bus patrons with a knife.
14:21:12 - Deputy Swailes conducted a radio crime broadcast with suspect description.
14:43:06 - Deputy Soderlund responding Code-3 to Roscoe Boulevard and Ventura Canyon Ave, regarding suspect on Metro Bus #[redacted].
14:46:13 - Deputies [redacted] Davidian and [redacted] also respond Code-3.
14:47:29 - Deputy Soderlund arrived on scene.
14:48:53 - Deputy [redacted] Swailes, Davidian and [redacted] arrived on scene.
14:49:31 - Emergent radio traffic regarding the deputy involved shooting. Paramedics are requested to respond the location.
14:50:41 - Unit 689S, Sergeant Munoz, responded Code-3 to the deputy involved shooting location.
14:58:08 - LAPD Aero and LAPD units on scene.
15:00:07 - LA City Fire Department on scene and transported the suspect to the hospital.

Transit Policing Division L-Tac Frequency

14:02:13 - Dispatch advised units of a pending Code-3 response to Sepulveda Boulevard and Chase in Panorama City regarding a male suspect armed with a knife on Metro Bus #[redacted]
14:04:30 - Responding units coordinated their response to the call.
14:06:01 - Dispatch provided an update to indicate LAPD is also responding.
14:08:02 - Dispatch advised responding units that the call was upgraded to an assault with a deadly weapon (stabbing) call. A female victim was stabbed. Suspect last seen walking towards Roscoe Boulevard.
14:09:07 - Dispatch voiced a suspect description - male black, tall, thin build, wearing a bandana, white t-shirt, and carrying a backpack.
14:16:59 - Deputy [redacted] confirmed there was a stabbing victim at the location.
14:40:08 - Dispatch advised suspect last seen on Metro Bus #[redacted] in the area of Van Nuys Boulevard and Vanowen Street.
14:42:00 - Dispatch advised units they were contacting the Metro Bus Operations Center (BOC) to request the bus to stop.
14:43:30 - Dispatch advised Metro Bus #[redacted] stopped at Roscoe Boulevard and Ventura Canyon Boulevard waiting for LASD response.
14:47:12 - Deputy Davidian requested responding units to turn off emergency lights and sirens prior to arriving to Metro Bus #[redacted] location.

REVIEW OF LASD DISPATCH PHONE CALLS:

14:01:12 - Metro BOC operator advised there was a male black suspect on Metro Bus #[redacted] armed with a knife. The bus was stopped on Sepulveda Boulevard, facing eastbound, at Chase Boulevard.
14:03:31 - Dispatch called LAPD, West Bureau, and advised them of male suspect with a knife on Metro Bus #[redacted]. LAPD Incident #3215.
14:07:41 - Metro BOC operator advised there was a female stabbing victim on the bus and a male with an unknown injury. The suspect was described as a male black, tall, slim build, carrying a backpack, and was wearing a bandana and a white t-shirt.
14:08:28 - Dispatch called the fire department regarding the stabbing incident.

VIDEO RECORDINGS

METRO BUS #[redacted]

Video #8174R93367

VID01623
14:41:42 - Suspect White entered bus #[redacted] [Front Door view].

VID01625 (Rear Door)
14:56:00 - Deputies approached the front of the bus [Front Door view].
- Suspect was seen sitting down on the driver's side of the bus, near the rear exit door [Mid to Ft view].

14:56:07 - Rear doors opened and Deputy Davidian encountered the suspect. A deputy involved shooting occurred [Rear Door view].

IAB Note: **The video surveillance cameras on the Metro bus were set to record at a low frame rate. The frame rate is the number of frames or images a camera can record per second. If people or objects move faster than the frame rate, the video does not capture the continuous movement of those people or objects.**

The video footage depicting the actions of Deputy Davidian, Deputy [redacted] and Suspect White, appear choppy and does not capture their continuous movement.

[redacted]

Channel 12

14:42:51 - Metro Bus #[redacted] stopped at Roscoe Boulevard/Ventura Canyon Ave.
14:49:05 - Deputy personnel appear on video approaching the bus.
14:49:17 - Deputy Davidian at the open rear door of the bus and encountered the suspect.
14:49:29 - Deputy Davidian distances himself from the rear door as Suspect White lunges forward. A deputy involved shooting occurred.

Channel 10

14:49:29 – Deputy Davidian distances himself from the rear door as Suspect White lunges forward. A deputy involved shooting occurred

[redacted]

13:42:48 - Metro Bus #[redacted] stopped at Roscoe Boulevard/Ventura Canyon Ave.
13:47:46 - Deputy Soderlund arrives and waits for additional units.
13:48:32 - Video footage skips for ten seconds.
13:48:43 - Assisting units on scene and make their approach to the bus.
13:51:30 - Metro Bus #[redacted] leaves the location.
13:51:55 - Deputies render aid to the suspect.

WITNESS [redacted] CELL PHONE

00:00:05 - Deputy personnel detaining the suspect at gunpoint.
00:00:17 - The suspect grabbed his backpack and Deputy Davidian kicked it away from his immediate area.
00:00:35 - Suspect reached into his pants pockets.
00:00:45 - Suspect rolled to his right side, which exposed the knife located underneath his upper back area.
00:00:50 - Deputy [redacted] approached the suspect and kicked the knife away.
00:01:35 - Metro bus #[redacted] leaves the location.

DEPUTY [redacted] BODY CAMERA FOOTAGE

00:00:00 through 00:01:06 - Deputies render aid to the suspect.

IAB Note: A copy of the radio traffic and video footage is included in the Homicide Bureau Case Book [EXHIBIT A].